

## *Marriage According to Jesus*

Mark's Gospel today reveals that God made the law prohibiting divorce. God also appears determined to do His part to assist couples who give Him the serious attention He deserves. Public worship and private study and prayer over the Scriptures seems to serve as good marriage insurance.

The Master's prohibition on divorce is found not only here in Mark's Gospel; one can also discover it in the Gospel of Luke and two different times in Matthew. Some may wish He did not condemn divorce, but the written record shows He did. And St. Paul clearly understood that point, for he underlines the prohibition in his own letters. Divorce disturbed Jesus. In His day neither an attorney nor a judge was required. A divorce became fact before one could say: "Going, going, gone." Marriage for Christ means undivided loyalty. Jesus wants husbands and wives to ask each other: "What's in it for us, for both of ourselves?" Married people rush to ask: "How can I complete myself in this union?" But the Teacher according to Mark wishes them to ask: "How can we complete ourselves?"

The real question is, "How can we serve each other?" Albert Schweitzer sums up the point this way: "The only ones who will be really happy are those who have sought and found out how to serve." Or, as Neil Diamond puts it in a ballad: "Selfishness is the reason for the decline in the number of husbands and wives." If couples learn to treat the other the way they treat their own selves, their marriage will become more attractive. Each must say: "I will do more than belong, I will participate. I will do more than care, I will help. I will do more than believe, I will practice. I will do more than be fair, I will be kind. I will do more than be friendly, I will be a friend. I will do more than forgive, I will love."

## ***Saint Christopher Catholic Church***

***160 Holt Spur Drive  
Jamestown, Tennessee 38556  
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



***October 6, 2018***

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)**

**Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)**

**Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)**

**Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)**

**Father Michael Sweeney: Rectory 865-882-9838**

**Emergency: 865-216-6453**



**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week**  
**October 13, 2018**

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**Reader:** P. Dalton / **Alternate Reader:** R. Germann  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Vaughn / L. Savastano  
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**October Sacristan:** ..... Deb Scott  
**Hospitality:** ..... Linda Savastano  
**KoC Round Table Coordinator:** ..... George Savastano  
**Mass Intentions:** ..... Sarah Mahon  
**Webmaster:** ..... Stormy Allen  
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**Bulletin:** ..... Mary Germann  
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**INTENTIONS**



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike & MaryLee Baldalament; and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

**ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS**

**September 29, 2018**

Parish: \$ 272  
Candles: \$9  
Building Fund: \$ 60  
Local Charities: \$ 50

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 56 / 8  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**October 6, 2018**

For the repose of the soul of **Mildred Stanton**;  
Requested by her daughter **Joyce Vaughn**.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **myParish** is a first-of-its-kind app for iOS and Android devices to help build a stronger Catholic community and better engage the New Evangelization. Enjoy many useful resources and features to complement your daily faith life while staying connected with your parish throughout the week with notifications and updates of parish activities.

Please join us **next Saturday**, October 13<sup>th</sup> **after mass** to get help downloading the **myParish** app to your cellphone (not for flip phones). There will also be step-by-step directions for those who would like to have it on their computer.

**\*\*\*\* We will have *hotdogs, potato chips, and drinks* to celebrate the launch. If you would like to bring a dish, please feel free to add to the celebration!**

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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**Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Reader:** R. Germann / **Alternate Reader:** S. Mahon  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / J. Vaughn